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TO: Graduate Studies Office, Schools of Education and Financial Aid Directors

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SUBJECT: 2001-02 Graduate Assumption Program of Loans for Education (Graduate APLE)

To date, the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) has received **less than 200** applications for the Graduate Assumption Program of Loans for Education (Graduate APLE) 2001-02 application/selection cycle. The Commission is currently awarding eligible applicants on a first come, first served basis for this cycle, with over **300 awards to be filled!** You'll find enclosed with this memo, a copy of the 2001-2002 application, and a copy of the Graduate APLE Report to the Legislature for the 2000-2001 academic year. We hope that you will read the report, and direct your attention to Appendix A, Total Warrants Awarded by Segment. You will note that **CSU Fullerton** has **78** of the 263 students awarded, **almost 30%!** We submit their established procedures for your consideration.

The Financial Aid Director determined that it would help their students to complete the application process if the school established an application procedure for their campus. They targeted the graduate student population by sending an application and a letter outlining their procedure to all of their graduate students. The students were encouraged to complete their portion of the application and then submit it to the Financial Aid Office by a date prior to the priority filing date. The Financial Aid Office personnel, who were assigned this duty, would then see that the school's portion of the application was completed accurately and mailed to the Commission by the priority filing date. Any applications submitted after the date posted by Financial Aid were completed as submitted. The Commission encourages **all** schools to consider a procedure such as this, which simplifies the application process for your students. With your help and such procedures in place, The Commission can look forward to filling all 500 awards this year and in the coming years.

Photocopies will be accepted and the application is available for downloading from the Commission's Web site at www.csac.ca.gov. Additional applications may be ordered by calling (916) 526-8428 or our automated line at (916) 526-7282. (***Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2002, or until all awards are made, whichever occurs first.**)

Students who need additional guidance with the application process may contact the Commission directly at (916) 526-7599 or our toll-free number for students, 1-888-224-7268 #3. Additionally, email inquiries may be directed to specialized@csac.ca.gov.

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